

CONFIDENTIAL

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OCEAN TANKER

1. Position-Sea-Weather 28° 37'N, 90° 48'W; cloudy and calm
2. Convoy or Independent Independent
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 0050 - 2 torpedoes
4. Location of 1st Hit #5 and #6 tanks, port side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive structural damage; flooding at #5 and #6; deck buckled; ship listed to port making it impossible to offer any counter offensive
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment or Why Not 0058 (3min.)- vessel listing 30°, impossible to train guns with any degree of accuracy; fear of further attack
7. Persons Aboard - 44 Lost-0
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 0055 (5min)- 6 shell hits
9. Location of 2nd Hit All over
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Extensive structural damage; hit heady box on aft gun platform, exploding the magazine.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk - 0920 (8hrs.30min)-